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S O C I A L N E W S

San Diego, California

The University of San Diego's President's home, Casa de Alcala was aglow with red candles and Christmas wishes two afternoons this week. On Tuesday and Wednesday (December 18 and 19) Dr. and Mrs. Author E. Hughes opened their home for holiday receptions for the employees of the University. Numerous poinsettia plants dotted the spacious home and graced the antique table laden with wassail and hors d'oeuvres. Administrators, faculty and staff were greeted by Santa Claus (Mr. Skip Walsh, Assistant Dean of Students). Mrs. Hughes was assisted by women students who are members of the campus service group Las Damas de Alcala (cq).

The Hughes family will remain in San Diego for the holidays and welcome Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hughes, Sr., paternal grandparents for Christmas dinner. They have just moved to Alpine from their former Florida home.

Founders Chapel, USD, was aglow with candlelight late Wednesday evening when Msgr. I. Brent Eagen concelebrated the first Christmas Mass with members of USD's Religious Studies program. The altar which was carved in Mexico was burnished with 12 coats of goldleaf. The life-sized statues of the apostles were carved of wood in Italy. The altar was a gift to Reverend Mother Rosalie Hill who founded the University twenty-five years ago with Bishop Charles Buddy.

The Solisti de Alcala string chamber orchestra played several classical selections in addition to carols which were sung by the congregation.

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